

Remarks

In response to the Office Action, mailed July 31, 2006, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

The Office Action imposes a two-way restriction requirement, namely: Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a method of preventing cross-contamination, and Group II, claims 12-20, drawn to a vacuum cleaner nozzle set. In response, applicant provisionally elects Group II, claims 12-20.

Applicant submits herewith the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) of \$60.

An early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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